

## PRIVILEGED REPORT

Mr. Murphy sends forward the following report which is ordered spread on the Journal:

Report of the Special Committee of the General Assembly appointed to investigate and report the financial condition of the State of North Carolina.

*Gentlemen of the General Assembly:* Your Special Committee, appointed to investigate the financial condition of the State, beg leave to report that after ten days careful study and investigation, it is unable to report to you at this time the definite financial condition of the State, or the definite relation between its current revenues and current operating expenses. In order to determine these matters definitely, the committee is of the opinion that a detailed audit of the books and accounts of the State is necessary. The committee has employed a competent firm of accountants to ascertain the necessary information and figures.

These accountants have advised the committee that it will be impossible for them to complete their audit and prepare a certified current balance sheet of the State government, and a supporting current surplus within the time limited for the duration of this Session of the General Assembly. They believe such information and data will not be available until April 1, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

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MURPHY,

*For the Committee.*

## ENGROSSED BILLS

Mr. Graham, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills and Resolutions, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the following engrossed bills, and find them properly engrossed as follows:

H. B. 24, a bill to be entitled An act to create in the Department of Labor and Printing, a division devoted to the deaf; to provide for the appointment of a competent deaf man to take charge of such division; to enumerate his duties and authority, and to provide for his compensation and for the expense of such department.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Bills and resolutions are reported from standing committees, read by their titles, together with the reports accompanying them, and take their place on the Calendar, as follows:

By Mr. Warren of Beaufort, for the Committee on Judiciary, No. 1:

H. B. 446, a bill to be entitled An act to authorize the board of Aldermen of the city of New Bern to open and, if necessary, to condemn land in said city for the use of a railroad sidetrack, with an unfavorable report.

H. B. 231, a bill to be entitled An act to make it unlawful to secretly look into a room occupied by women, with a favorable report, as amended.

H. B. 646, a bill to be entitled An act to amend chapter 70 of the Private Acts of the Extra Session of 1920, relative to sale of gasoline, etc., with a favorable report.